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AN ACT OF PRAISE

Let us praise God for the Day, for the glory and warmth of the sun, for the stir of life, and for honest toil that wins food and rest.

God be praised for the Day.

For the Earth, the sustainer of life: for the hills, the plains and the dales; and for the beauty of meadows and fields, of flowers and of trees.

God be praised for the Earth.

For the Sky, for the shifting clouds and the glory of sunrise and sunset.

God be praised for the Sky.

For the Sea, that yields and receives again the water without which life would die, and is wonderful in its stillness and more wonderful in its storm.

God be praised for the Sea.

Let us praise God for our Food, and the pleasure He has given us in it, lest we should neglect the needs of life. May He help us to shun all waste and to rejoice in sharing with others.

God be praised for our Food.

For the shelter from wind and weather, which being hallowed by love becomes our Home. May He help us to keep it holy.

God be praised for our Homes.

For our Garments, which protect our bodies. May He teach us to make them beautiful, not for our vanity, but to brighten our common life; and may He strengthen our will that none shall go hungry or ill-housed or ill-clad.

God be praised for our Clothing.

Let us praise God for our Fathers and Mothers, by whom He orders lives and comforts hearts, bringing strength to a house and sweetness to labor. May He hallow their work and direct their ways.

God be praised for good Fathers and Mothers.

For the gift of Children. May He help us to train them to be reverent and truthful,

that they may gladden our hearts and bring joy to the world.

God be praised for the Children.

For good Friends, to rejoice with us in our joys, to cheer us in trouble and to lighten our tasks. May He help us to repay them in fellowship and service.

God be praised for our Friends.

Let us praise God for Health, bringing wholesomeness of body and mind: for Mirth, quickening the blood, uniting us with others and refreshing us for work: for Joy that heightens all our life and doubles our powers. May He help us to share these blessings with others, kindling their hearts by the gladness of our face.

God be praised for Life.

Let us praise God for the Vision that stands beyond the mists of pain and sorrow, giving purpose to endurance and making known to us the sweetness of sympathy.

All praise be to God.

O Thou who givest visions unto them that praise Thee, give us also the courage to make our dreams come true. Help us to know that

the ideal cannot evade us for ever; that it is knocking at the door of life wondrously fair, wondrously practical, and is an urgent pressure upon life, hungering to become actual.

To the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the merciful loving-kindness of the Most High and His holy protection be with the sick, the suffering and the sorrowful; be with us and with all whom we love, now and in every time of need.

To the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON THE GRACE OF CHILDHOOD

LET us give thanks for Christ's revelation to us of God's love for children and of their infinite value in His sight.

Alleluia. Blessed be God, Eternal Friend of children.

For His tender compassion towards them; for His burning indignation against those who do them wrong; for His deep and overflowing love, drawing them with irresistible attraction to Himself; for His message of their nearness to the Father of all.

Alleluia. Blessed be God, Eternal Friend of children.

For the beauty of children and their joy in all beautiful things, for their mirth and laughter, and for the joy and light they bring into the world.

Alleluia. Blessed be God, Eternal Friend of children.

For their enthusiasm, their abounding energy, and their love of the heroic and

adventurous; for their candid, generous trust in those around them, and for their quick response to calls of love and service.

Alleluia. Blessed be God, Eternal Friend of children.

For the childhood of Jesus our Lord, for His birth and helpless babyhood; for His mother's gentle care and nurture, and for all unknown souls who nursed and tended Him.

Alleluia. Blessed be God, Eternal Friend of children.

For His joyful, eager, natural, yet obedient boyhood, uplifting human childhood into the Godhead; for the Grace and Love of God by which we know He took to Himself the form of a child and gave to us the joy of knowing the Father.

Alleluia. Blessed be God, Eternal Friend of children.

And as we give thanks for the infinite value of children, so let us pray for Fathers and Mothers and for all of us through whom Children receive their first thoughts of God.

That we may have a deepened sense of the Fatherhood of God, and may so practice His

Presence that the children may be won for Jesus.

Amen; Amen in Jesus the Everlasting Child.

That we may have the love of parents and the wisdom of teachers, that our lives may be ruled by simplicity, gladness and sympathy, and that we may guide by the constraining influence of love rather than by the restraint of fear.

Amen; Amen in Jesus the Everlasting Child.

That with patience we may foster in children a love of Goodness, Truth, Beauty, and that with chivalry we may lead the splendid energy of youth to find its outlet and satisfaction in fellowship and service.

Amen; Amen in Jesus the Everlasting Child.

That by the Inspiration of Thy Loving Spirit we may direct the thoughts of our children through curiosity to wonder, through fairies to angels, through the imagination of the delights of playtime to the worship of the joys of the Eternal.

Amen; Amen in Jesus the Everlasting Child.

That by the same Spirit we may inspire the children to think of Christ as ever near; to know His standard as our standard, His cause our cause, Himself our Captain and Hero and King.

Amen; Amen in Jesus the Everlasting Child.

Let us, in silence, remember before God all children born with some defect of body or hindered by their environment, all orphaned, homeless or unwanted children, all children of loveless homes.

O heavenly Father, make our hearts to burn within us for the unlovely lives of the children of our dark places; let Thy loving Spirit breathe into us a living renewal, that with unflagging confidence, with wise statesmanship and readiness to combine with others, we may turn to good account every law for the welfare of children. Amen.

May the grace of courage, gaiety, and the quiet mind, with all such blessedness as belongeth to the children of the Father in Heaven, be ours to the praise of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Who ever liveth and reigneth One God. World without end. Amen.

A PETITION FOR ENLARGEMENT

V.—O God, when Thou lettest Thy breath go forth Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

***R.*—Renew a right spirit within us.**

V.—O Lord and Giver of Life, we beseech Thee to show unto us the things of Christ, and bring His words to our remembrance.

***R.*—Holy Spirit, quicken us.**

V.—O Spirit of Truth, lead us out of the bondage of fear into the glorious liberty of the sons of God, that by Thy witness with our spirit we may know ourselves to be children of God and joint-heirs with Christ.

***R.*—Holy Spirit, quicken us.**

V.—Let us bless the Eternal Spirit Who quickeneth us.

***R.*—Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, Who strengtheneth us.**

V.—O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son;

***R.*—Lead us forth in Thy truth and instruct us.**

Almighty and everliving God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us Thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto us forgiveness of all our sins; strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength; the spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of Thy holy fear, now and for ever. Amen.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, to set our feet in a large place, where hearts are made pure from sin by faith in Thee, where faces are turned to the light, where all are one in Thee and no narrow domestic walls between man and man destroy the unity which Thou hast made in the spirit of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep our hearts, O Lord, in that realm of the Spirit where the mind is without fear and the head is held high, where knowledge is wide, where words come from the depths of truth; where tireless striving wins towards perfection; where the clear stream of reason loses not its way but flows on in deeper

thought and ever widening action. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, Who alone givest wisdom and understanding; inspire with Thy Holy Spirit all to whom Thou hast committed the responsibility of government in the nations of the world. Give them the vision of truth that by their counsels the nations may work together in true brotherhood, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Spirit of our blessed Lord instruct us with the word of truth, inform us with the gospel of salvation, and enrich us with the love of His saints, now and for evermore. Amen.

(*This Thanksgiving may be said all together.*)

Most Merciful Father, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy Holy Spirit whereby we find joy in health and strength, in every duty we have been able to discharge, and in every benefit or comfort we have been able to confer. We thank Thee for all the friendliness and kindness of others, by which the path of life has been made easier for us; for the tender love of our nearest and dearest, which

makes music in our souls, even in the hours of sadness. We thank Thee, Lord, that even our difficulties, trials and failures are by Thy Spirit interpreted as warnings of love needful for our soul's health. May all our thankfulness to Thee lead us to strive daily to be more worthy of Thy good Spirit and of Thy gift Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Grace.

THE DAILY ROUND

Let us thank God for His blessings.

For all Thy blessings in creation; for the beauty of earth and sea and sky; for Thy manifold works, and the wisdom with which Thou hast made them all.

We thank Thee, O God.

For the happiness of our earthly life; for peaceful homes and healthful days; for our powers of mind and body; for faithful friends, for the joy of loving and being beloved.

We thank Thee, O God.

For the revelation of Thy Love and for newness of life in our Savior; for the blessings brought to us by Thy Holy Church; for the Grace of Thy Sacraments and for our Fellowship with Thee in Christ.

We thank Thee, O God.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

From blindness to Thy presence in life and sacrament, from hardness of heart and from want of truth, in thought and word and deed.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all that would injure the body, from unworthy fears and anxieties; from despondency, discontent and despair.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From want of sympathy with friends and neighbors; from harsh judgments and ill-feeling towards any; from idle talk and slander; from want of love for our country, and unwillingness to seek the common good.

Good Lord, deliver us.

When we question the value of life; when our sense of duty grows faint through self-indulgence; in suffering and failure; in times of happiness and success; in our days of labor and our nights of rest; in the freedom of youth and the weariness of old age; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment.

Good Lord, be with us.

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to

Thy merciful care, that being guided by Thy Providence we may dwell secure in Thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, and to all in Authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do Thy will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness; and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in Thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to inspire all who are seeking to improve the conditions of our industrial life, and to give fortitude and new hope to all who are out of work.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to solace all who have lost those whom they most loved; to sustain the widows and orphans; to uphold all who are sick and suffering; to protect such as have lost the kindly light of reason; and to supply the needs of the blind, the deaf, and the dumb.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

May the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the splendor of the Eternal Light, remove from our hearts all darkness, now and for evermore. Amen.

AN ACT OF FAITH IN THE DIVINE PURPOSE

LET us be of one heart and soul in God. Amen.

O King Eternal, Author of Peace, draw Thou our hearts by Thy Gracious Spirit. Amen.

V.—The Lord God hath promised, saying: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art Mine. Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the Right Hand of My Righteousness.

***R.*—Fulfil in us Thy promises, O God.**

V.—The Lord Jesus hath promised, saying: Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

***R.*—Fulfil in us Thy promises, O God.**

V.—Let God be glorified and let Him be exalted this day and for ever.

R.—**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.**

A Silent Prayer.

Lord, I believe in Thee, help Thou mine unbelief; I love Thee, yet not with a perfect heart as I would; I long for Thee, yet not with my full strength; I trust in Thee, yet not with my whole mind. Accept my faith, my love, my longing to know and serve Thee, my trust in Thy power to keep me. . . . I wait Thy blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, Who searchest the hidden secrets of the heart, satisfy, we beseech Thee, our deep unspoken longings, open our eyes to the glory and beauty of humble things and enable us by Thy Spirit to apprehend Thy purpose, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We pray Thee, O Lord, shed the light and comfort of Thy Holy Spirit on those who find they have missed their true vocation, and on those who have never known the opportunity

of development. Grant that day by day in the service of their brethren they may find Thee, and be satisfied in Thy honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

We most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless Thy holy Name for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of Thy Heavenly Kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Almighty God, Who hast made the people of this Country members of one great Nation for the service of the world, we pray Thee to bless all who speak where many listen, and write what many read; teach them that they may teach us, inspire them that they may inspire us, and grant that, thinking little of profit and fame, they may do their part to make the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous, to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, from Whom alone cometh wisdom and strength, send down, we beseech Thee, upon Thy servant the President of the United States, and upon all others in authority Thy gifts of prudence and justice, that, alike in conference and in action, they may be guided in Eternal Truth and Right, by the Spirit of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*To be said all together.*)

Teach us, O Lord, to see every question of foreign policy in the light of our creed; that we may check in ourselves and in others every temper which makes for war, all ungenerous judgments, all promptings of self-assertion, all presumptuous claims; that being ever ready to recognize the needs and aspirations of other nations, we may, with patience, do whatsoever in us lies to remove suspicions and misunderstandings; and to honor all men in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O King of Heaven, receive our adoration, cherish the contrite, protect the humble, raise the fallen, have mercy on suppliants, and grant us Thy peace now and for evermore. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF FELLOWSHIP

V.—By this shall all men know that we are His disciples:

***R.*—That we have love one to another.**

O God, Fountain of Light and Truth, give to Thy Church a new vision and a new charity, new wisdom and understanding, that the eternal message of Thy Son, not confused by the traditions of men, may be hailed as the good news of the new age; through Him Who maketh all things new, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray for the State in the new age:

V.—One is your Master, even Christ.

***R.*—And all ye are brethren.**

O God, our Ruler, give to every State a deeper sense of human brotherhood, a new respect for man and reverence for woman, new loyalty in service, compunction and charity, new happiness in work and justice

in reward; that our homes may be restored in Thee, our cities rebuilt, and all the world may reflect the radiance of the Throne which is eternal in the heavens. Amen.

Let us pray for all Mankind.

V.—Unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

R.—Of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

O God, our Father, give to the nations of the world a new heart of comradeship; that every people may bring its tribute of excellence to the common treasury, and all the world may go forward in the new and living way which He hath consecrated for us; Who now liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Spirit of Truth, one God, world without end. Amen.

We praise Thee, O God, we bless Thee, we give thanks to Thee for all Thy fatherly discipline, for all our share in the Cross of Christ, for the strength given according to our need, and for sorrow turned into joy.

We give thanks to Thee, O God.

For the wonder of Thy beauty manifest in the world, for Thy wisdom inspiring the works of men, for Thy love for us, for strength to pray, and for Thine answers to our prayers:

We give thanks to Thee, O God.

For the renewal of life in Thy Church, for the joyous expectancy of better things, for the quickening of our hope, and for the promised vision of Thy glory:

We give thanks to Thee, O God.

For Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear; for the memory of their words and example; for the sure and certain hope of reunion with them hereafter; for the happiness that is theirs, and for our communion with them:

We give thanks to Thee, O God.

May all the peoples, from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same, cry aloud in praise to Thee with joyful voice, and say,

Glory to Thee, O God, the Saviour of all, for ever. Amen.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, direct, and keep us, and give us thankful hearts, now and for evermore. Amen.

A LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

O LORD, open Thou our minds to see ourselves as Thou seest us, and save us from all unwillingness to know our infirmities, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

From weakness of purpose, from want of earnest care and interest, from indolence and indifference, and from all spiritual deadness of heart,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From weariness in continuing struggles, from despondency in failure and disappointment, from self-conceit, from delight in supposed superiority and from all the harms and hindrances of offensive manners,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

From all hasty utterances of impatience, from the retort of irritation and the taunt of sarcasm; from all infirmity of temper in pro-

voking or being provoked; from love of unkind gossip and from all idle words that may do hurt,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

When tempted to neglect duty that we may follow pleasure, or to indulge in the sinful extravagance which may lead into debt or even dishonesty,

Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

O Lord, by Thy Spirit, move in our very beings, that we may see Thee in everything that is, that we may hear Thy voice speaking more clearly than all voices, and feel Thy presence in every movement and experience;

We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Almighty God, grant unto us, we beseech Thee, a succession of administrators learned in the wisdom of the kingdom of Christ. Endue our law-givers with a right understanding and a pure purpose; enable them to rise above all self-seeking and party zeal into the larger desire for public good and human

brotherhood. Purge our public life of evil, subdue in the nation all thirst for conquest and vain-glory, and inspire us with calmness and self-restraint, to Thy honor and glory, Who ever liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

All together.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee more faithfully; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will, O Lord our God. Amen.

Holy Father, we thank Thee for the light of the Gospel shining in our world with ever increasing brightness. We thank Thee for all who have walked therein, and especially for those so dear to us, in whose lives we have seen Thy glory and beauty. May we know that whether in the body or out of the body they are with Thee, and that when these earthly days are come to an end, it is not that our service of Thee and of one another may cease, but that it may begin anew; through Him Who is the Light of the World, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Remember, O Lord, what Thou hast wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as Thou hast called us to Thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN ACT OF SYMPATHY

V.—O Savior of the world Who by Thy cross and passion hast redeemed us;

***R.*—Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.**

From the impatience that prevents us from finding Thy purpose in pain and sorrow,

Save us, good Lord.

From refusing to share the suffering of the world, from seeking only comfort and pleasure, from forgetting those in distress, from the selfishess which brings needless grief to others,

Save us, good Lord.

Almighty Father, Who in the afflictions of Thy people art Thyself afflicted, and art full of compassion and tender mercy, hear us as we pray for those who suffer, for those who bear the pains of child-birth or sickness, for the aged and the dying.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who are hindered in the race of life through no fault of their own; for the defective and the delicate; and for those who have been maimed and disabled,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For those whose livelihood is insecure; for the hungry, the homeless and the destitute; for those who are overworked, downtrodden and in despair,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For Thy little children, whose surroundings hide from them Thy love and Thy beauty; for all the fatherless and motherless, and for the unwanted,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For those who have to bear their burdens alone, for those who are in doubt and anguish of soul, for those who are over-sensitive and for those who suffer through their own wrongdoing,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

An Act of Sympathy

For all who do not pray for themselves, for all who have not the consolation of the prayers of others, and for all whose anguish is unrelieved by the knowledge of Thy love,

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Whose blessed Son Jesus Christ went about doing good, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people; continue, we beseech Thee, this His gracious work among us, especially in the Hospitals and Infirmaries here and in foreign lands; cheer, heal, and sanctify the sick; grant to the physicians, surgeons, and nurses wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience; and assist with Thy blessing all who are seeking to prevent suffering and to forward Thy purposes of love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of our life, there are days when the burdens we carry chafe our shoulders and weigh us down; when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies grey and threatening; when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost

their courage. Flood the path with light, we beseech Thee; turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise; tune our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to Thy honor and glory. Amen.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for all who have chosen poverty or solitude for Thy sake, for all men of prayer, for all saints in common life who have endured suffering for noble ends, and for all who have turned pain to patience of character and purity of life in the strength of Him Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. Amen.

PETITIONS

After each of the following petitions or others inserted at the discretion of the Minister, shall be said:

V.—O Lord, hear our prayer.

***R.*—And let our cry come unto Thee.**

That we may face the problems of life, by widening and deepening our experience in prayer, and by rejoicing both in the richness of corporate life and the sternness of personal responsibility.

That we may never forget that as followers of Christ we are the observed of all men, and that our failures may cause others to stumble, that, in a measure, God places His honor in our hands.

That we may be true and loyal to the best and the highest that we know, and that we may show this truth and loyalty in every activity of our common life.

Grant us readiness to approach all conflicting issues with a desire to understand;

make us helpful in criticism, slow to blame, quick to appreciate, and save us from unkind words and from unkind silences.

Grant us, O Lord, to understand the gift of prayer: that we may pray effectually for everyone we try to help.

Grant us the wisdom of a loving heart, ever patient and wondrous kind.

Grant us that strong sense of duty which refuses to yield to the inclination of the moment.

Grant us the royal gift of courage; that we may do each disagreeable duty at once.

Grant us a keen sense of honor; that we may never give ourselves the benefit of the doubt; that we may be specially just to those we find it hard to like; and may own up manfully when we have done wrong.

Grant us a keen sense of humor; may its kindly light and its healing power relax life's tension.

Grant us restrained and well-ordered ambition so that we may not miss the things that are noble and beautiful.

THANKSGIVINGS

After each of the following thanksgivings or others inserted at the discretion of the Minister, shall be said:

V.—PRAISE the Lord, O my Soul;

***R.*—And all that is within me praise His Holy Name.**

O Lord, Thou Lover of Souls, we thank Thee that in this age new visions are given, fresh opportunities are presented, and stirring demands are made.

We thank Thee that we live in an age of the Spirit, when a will to unity is being mightily and widely developed.

We thank Thee that we live in a pentecost when the young see great visions and are strengthened to do great tasks: while the old, being enabled to see far horizons, do speed them on their way.

We thank Thee for the invigorating sense that "all things are being made new," and that it is given to us to make traditions, as well as to uphold them.

We thank Thee that, all the world over, men have cause to look up and lift up their heads, for their redemption draweth nigh.

We thank Thee that the quiet mind, being stayed on Thee, can pass through hurry and turmoil with tranquillity, and be at peace.

We thank Thee that all good things that have ever existed do for ever live, and that immortality is of the essence of love.

We thank Thee that in Thy heaven goodness, purity and love, which are of Thy Own Divine Nature, shall still find work to perform for Thee.

We thank Thee, Lord, that we have Thyself for our guide and our friend, O Thou most wonderful in the realm of love.

O Lord our God, Giver of life and light, we bless Thee, we worship Thee—for that of Thy gracious goodness Thou hast put into our minds these thoughts; it is Thou, O Lord, Who hast given us all things richly to enjoy, and in the splendor of loving kindness it is Thou Thyself that dost transform our common life.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, Most High.

R.—**Glory be to Thee. Alleluia! Amen.**

ON THE SOURCE OF CHEERFULNESS

The Lord Jesus said:

V.—I have spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

***R.*—We will rejoice and serve God and be cheerful for ever.**

We rejoice in the exultation of all created things; in the echo of human hearts to all pure and lovely things, and we rejoice in Thine ineffable garment of things all bright and glorious, O Thou Who art the Sun of Righteousness and the Light Eternal. Amen.

We rejoice in the example of Thy life on earth, in Thy sharing of our common joys, in Thy loving and understanding the wonders of earth and sea and sky.

We will rejoice and serve God and be cheerful for ever.

We rejoice, O Lord, in the promise of life, youth and the dawn of the unknown, in the hope and the assurance of fulfilment, and we

beseech Thee to preserve our youthful zeal fervent and pure.

We will rejoice and serve God and be cheerful for ever.

We rejoice, O Lord, in the glory of manhood and womanhood, in the strength of wisdom and in the security of experience, and we beseech Thee to sanctify our knowledge with a power to make response.

We will rejoice and serve God and be cheerful for ever.

We rejoice, O Lord, in the sweetness of companionship, in the joy of understanding hearts and in the faith of strong souls, and we beseech Thee to interpret for us the wonder of human friendship.

We will rejoice and serve God and be cheerful for ever.

We rejoice, O Lord, in every measure of attainment, in the wholesome satisfaction of worthy accomplishment, and we beseech Thee to stimulate in us a joy in the dignity of work.

We will rejoice and serve God and be cheerful for ever.

We rejoice, O Lord, in the pleasures of art, of music and of literature, the enrichments of personality; and we beseech Thee to restore unto us a full value of beauty.

We will rejoice and serve God and be cheerful for ever.

We rejoice, O Lord, in the sway and impulse of emotion, the laughter that alternates with tears, and we beseech Thee to help us dispel every misunderstanding with good humor.

We will rejoice and serve God and be cheerful for ever.

We rejoice in the calm assurance of Thy presence, O Fountain and Light of Life Immortal; we beseech Thee to crown Thy gifts with Thine Eternal Peace.

Amen! Alleluia! Amen.

Comfort, we beseech Thee, most gracious God, Thy servants who are cast down and faint of heart amidst the sickness and sorrow of the world; and grant that by the power of Thy Holy Spirit they also may be enabled to go upon their way rejoicing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MEDITATION UPON THE WILL OF GOD

I WOULD believe in Thee, O God; I would fear Thee, O God; I would love Thee, O God.

With all my heart, with all my mind, with all my soul, and with all my strength.

I would worship Thee, give Thee thanks and put my whole trust in Thee.

By Thy help, O God.

I would call upon Thee, honor Thy holy Name and Thy Word, and serve Thee truly all the days of my life.

By Thy help, O God.

Let us in Silence meditate upon the will of God.

Jesus said: Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven. Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is My brother and sister.

A Meditation upon the Will of God

It is the will of God that we should endeavor to keep our bodies in health and strength, and our appetites and impulses under control, and everywhere and in all things be temperate and pure.

It is the will of God that we should train our minds, and be true in our thinking, and just in our judging.

It is the will of God that we should be honest, truthful, and upright in thought, word, and deed.

It is the will of God that we should be diligent and faithful in our several callings, doing our daily work in all simplicity and integrity, and seeking and laboring only for the things which are just and good.

It is the will of God that we should rule our spirits, bear with each other's infirmities, and as much as lieth in us live peaceably with all men.

It is the will of God that we should live chiefly to be helpful to others, and not to seek only our own pleasure and gain.

It is the will of God that we should do what we can to take away the sin and sorrow

of the world, and to overcome all evil with good.

Let us unite in prayer for grace to do His will.

V.—Thy will be done.

***R.*—In earth as it is in heaven.**

All together.

Almighty God, grant us grace that we may fulfil our duty towards our neighbor: by loving others as ourselves: and doing to all men as we would they should do unto us.

That we may love, honor, and succor our parents: may honor and obey all that are put in authority over us: may submit ourselves to all our governors, teachers, spiritual pastors and masters: may order ourselves lowly and reverently to all whom Thou hast set in authority over us.

That we may hurt nobody by word or deed: may be true and just in all our dealings: may bear no malice or hatred in our hearts.

That we may keep our hands from picking and stealing, and our tongue from evil-speaking, lying and slandering.

A Meditation upon the Will of God

That we may keep our bodies in temperance, soberness, and chastity: that we may not covet nor desire other men's goods: but learn and labor truly to get our own living, and do our duty in that state of life unto which it shall please Thee day by day to call us. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.—Thy will be done.

***R.*—In earth as it is in heaven.**

Almighty God, Who hast given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech Thee to bless us with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion: from pride and arrogance and every evil way. Defend our liberties, preserve our unity. Endue with the spirit of wisdom, prudence and fortitude our President and all those to whom is entrusted the authority of Government, to the end that there be justice and peace at home, and obedience to Thy law among the nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.—Thy will be done.

***R.*—In earth as it is in heaven.**

Here may be observed a time for Silent Thought and Remembrance of Vows.

The Lord grant unto us and all whom we love, the joy of knowing and doing His will, now and for evermore. Amen.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Glory be to God on high.

God is Light. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and truly our Fellowship in the Spirit is with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

Glory be to God on high.

God is Love. Everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. And we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love.

Glory be to God on high.

For the rest and peace of this holy day, when we may turn aside to remember all the mercies of life, to hear again the glorious gospel of goodwill, and to rejoice in God's Holy Name.

Glory be to God on high.

For love bestowed upon us in our family and home, and in all we love best; for care toward us received through friends and for all who have been kind to us.

Glory be to God on high.

For all who have labored and suffered for freedom, good government, just laws, and holiness; and for all who have sought to bless men by their charity, their labor and sacrifice in good works, and to lighten the dark places of the earth.

Glory be to God on high.

For the Church, the Bible, the Sacraments and other means of grace; for the peace which comes through fuller understanding of God's Holy Name and in quiet acceptance of His will, and for the joy that comes through well-doing.

Glory be to God on high.

For all beauty and loveliness in nature and in art, for the power of seeing and hearing in body and spirit and for all the things which make us one with the Eternal Joy.

Glory be to God on high.

For the ties that bind us to the unseen world; for the faith that brightens the saddest moments of life with the light of an eternal hope, even the Revelation of the love of the Father in Jesus Christ.

Glory be to God on high.

Let us beseech the Lord.

For peaceful holiness by loving kindness.

Hear us, Lord God Almighty.

For our President, and for all whom Thou hast called to be leaders of thought and action.

Hear us, Lord God Almighty.

That it may please Thee to endue with strength and wisdom those who organize the ways and means of life, all workers with heart and brain and hand, and to deepen the spirit of brotherhood.

Hear us, Lord God Almighty.

That it may please Thee to take away the bondage of this world from our brothers and sisters who lag behind in the duties of citizenship; to give repentance to all who, being

blessed with health, are guilty of the sin of idleness; and to stir within us a remembrance of those who have borne the cares of the struggles of life.

Hear us, Lord God Almighty.

O Son of God, Who wast pleased Thyself to be reckoned among the craftsmen, bless all those who labor with their hands, that their work may be done for Thy honor and rewarded with Thy approval; and unto such as are laid aside by ill-health or distress do Thou grant the Presence and rest which Thou hast promised unto the weary, for Thy honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's name be praised from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Praise His Holy Name.

V.—Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, which was, and which is, and which is to come.

***R.*—Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.**

V.—O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out. For of Him, and through Him, and unto Him are all things. To Him be the glory for ever.

***R.*—Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.**

V.—Unto the King, Eternal, Immortal, Invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever.

***R.*—Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.**

V.—Let us pray.

Almighty God, Who hast taught us to make supplications, prayers, and intercessions for all men;

We pray Thee, for Thy servant, our President, and for all who are in authority, that instructed by Thy Spirit, they may govern this Nation according to the laws of that Kingdom which has no end.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who are seeking to do Thy will and to set forward Thy Kingdom, that they may be inspired with grace and truth, with zeal for promotion of the brotherhood, and renewed devotion to the service of Our Father;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For ministers and all who guide the thoughts of the people by their writings; for all artists, poets, dramatists, musicians and journalists; that inspired by pure ideals, our common life may be crowned with beauty and vision;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who champion the cause of the poor, and all who seek to set free those whose

toil can bring no joy, that they may be saved from bitterness and disappointment, and in all things seek first the Kingdom of God;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all who heal the body, guard the health of the people and tend the sick; that they may follow in the footsteps of Christ, the great Physician both of the body and the soul;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For all on whose labor we depend for the necessaries of life, and for those who carry on the commerce of the world; that they may seek no private gain which would hinder the good of all;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For parents and children; that purity, love and honor may dwell in our homes, and duty and affection be the bond of all family life;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the ignorant and the tempted; for the rebellious and the fallen; for all prisoners and outcasts; that they may find the mercy that is with Thee and receive the grace that can save their souls;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the weak in body and mind, that they may be restored to health; for those depressed and in pain, that they may be helped and comforted; and for the dying, that they may know Thy presence with them through the valley of shadow, and awake to behold Thy face;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Grant, O Lord, that we who live in such glorious times may be saved from all pettiness and self-seeking, may be filled with a gallant and undaunted spirit, and be diffusers of life, invigorating all we meet, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Refresh us, O Blessed Jesu, with Thy presence and Thy power. Quiet our restless spirits. Open to us the Mind of God, that in

Thy light we may see light. And crown Thy choice of us to be Thy servants by making us channels of Thy joy and strength, to Thy honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Bless us, O God, with the vision of Thy Being and beauty, that in the joy of Thy strength we may work without haste and without sloth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, set our hearts at liberty from the service of ourselves, and let it be our meat and drink to do Thy will: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord God grant us His blessing and fill our hearts with the Spirit of truth and peace now and for evermore. Amen.

THE WAY OF FAITHFULNESS

O Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity, our Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier.

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, O Lord, how much we have left undone; remember not, O Lord, the good resolutions we have broken; remember not, O Lord, the opportunities we have lost.

Revive us, good Lord.

From lack of faith in Thy revelation of Thyself; from contempt of Thy promises; from readiness to think lightly of Thy holy commandments, and of that account of life which we all must render unto Thee.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From forgetfulness of our vows; from neglect to stir up the gift that is in us; from discourteous indifference to Thine invitations to the feast.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From carelessness about the good companionship of prayer, of praise and of gratitude; from slothfulness and ungraciousness in ministering to our neighbors; from recklessness and selfishness in getting and spending; and from timidity in combating uncleanness, intemperance and vice.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lowness of aim and motive; from waste of life by thought, word, or deed; and from the sin of treating lightly the sanctity of love, parenthood and marriage;

Good Lord, deliver us.

That our President, and all who govern under him, may be filled with wisdom and courage to fulfil their trust.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That our homes may be filled with the atmosphere of love, that our children may grow in happy obedience, strong and free in body and soul: and that pure delight and perfect trust may hallow the joy of honest lovers.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may use with thankfulness the blessings of Thy Holy Day, and so spend it that all may have time for rest and worship; that we, and those now separated from us, may labor for the common good of mankind, and may be brought nearer unto one another by drawing closer unto Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, that rejoicing in the work of others and being kept from all envy and jealousy, we may strive by faithful service to enter here on earth into the brotherhood which Thou hast perfected in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(*To be said all together.*)

Grant, O Lord, that keeping in glad remembrance those who have gone before, who have stood by us and helped us, who have cheered us by their sympathy and strengthened us by their example, we may seize every opportunity of life and rejoice in the promise of a glorious resurrection with them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here may be observed a Space of Silence.

The Way of Faithfulness

O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work done. Then, Lord, in Thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Grace.

V.—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ;

***R.*—Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.**

V.—Blessed are the poor in spirit:

***R.*—For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

V.—Blessed are they that mourn:

***R.*—For they shall be comforted.**

V.—Blessed are the meek:

***R.*—For they shall inherit the earth.**

V.—Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness:

***R.*—For they shall be filled.**

V.—Blessed are the merciful:

***R.*—For they shall obtain mercy.**

V.—Blessed are the pure in heart:

***R.*—For they shall see God.**

V.—Blessed are the peace-makers:

***R.*—For they shall be called the sons of God.**

V.—Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness' sake:

***R.*—For theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

V.—Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:

***R.*—For when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life.**

V.—Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord:

***R.*—For they rest from their labors, and their works follow them.**

Let us give thanks.

For the wonder of the world and the beauty of the earth; for the discoveries of science and the treasures of art; for the power of music and the wealth of literature.

Blessed be the Lord our God.

For the love of home and the laughter of children; for the strength of manhood and

the grace of womanhood; for the trust of friendship and the honor of heroes; for the example of Thy saints and the splendor of all noble deeds; for the memory of our dead and for the hope of reunion.

Blessed be the Lord our God.

For the inspiration of purpose and for the joy of service; for the comfort of Thy Presence in the hour of sorrow and for the light of Thy promise in the perplexity of failure.

Blessed be the Lord our God.

Let us pray.

Graciously hear us, O Christ, for those who guard the health of the nation, that they may preserve us from sickness and disease; for those who guide the thought of the nation, that they may inspire us with worthy ideals; for those who mould the character of the nation, that they may fashion us into a noble race:

Graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

For those who enjoy advantages of birth and position, that they may prove worthy of their privileges and equal to their oppor-

tunities; for those who are endowed with talents, that they may learn to use and improve them according to Thy Will; for those who are increasing in riches, that they may be saved from forgetting Thee and from growing contemptuous of their brethren:

Graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

For those who suffer affliction, that they may be strengthened by our sympathy and sustained by Thy presence; for those who find it difficult to discern the truth, that they may be enlightened and led by Thy Spirit; for those who endure temptation, that although tried they may come forth pure:

Graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Thou, Who understandest the frailty of the human heart, hear our prayer for those who have been unfortunate in life and bruised in spirit; those who have toiled without success; those who have endured with no outside encouragement; those who have given up all earthly prospects to comfort the aged, and care for the maimed; those who are lonely in heart; for them we know not what to ask, but Thou knowest, O Lover of Souls. Amen.

All together.

Blessed Jesus, the Friend of such as hunger after righteousness, we bring to Thee the penitents who long to do Thy will yet stumble continually; the strugglers after purity who are beguiled by the imagination; the secretly devoted who are restrained by fear of hypocrisy; all who long to pray but scarce know how, all tired souls distracted by wandering thoughts, and everyone who finds it hard to follow Thee. Amen.

V.—Jesus said, Him that cometh unto Me, I will in no wise cast out.

***R.*—Alleluia! Blessed Jesus, I bring to Thee myself. Amen.**

V.—O Lord, in Thee have I trusted.

***R.*—Let me never be confounded.**

The Grace.

THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

There is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all; let us pray that we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity. Amen.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, for all members of Thy Holy Catholic Church throughout the world, that they may ever remember that wheresoever there be a congregation of the faithful, there the Lord of the Church is in the midst. Amen.

Save Thy Church, O Lord, from arrogance and impatience, and from failure to recognize the work of Thy Holy Spirit, wherever He may please to dwell. Amen.

We pray, O Lord, that we may have patience to understand others from whom

we differ, but who bear Thy name and adore Thee as Savior; may we be ready to appreciate the truths for which they stand.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That Thy Church may be delivered from all scandal, sin and shame; from complicity with wrong and compromise with evil; from inconsistency, wavering and fear; that it may shine as a light in the world, and be as a city set on a hill;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That Thy Church may preach the Gospel to every creature, set forth the truth that makes men free, proclaim the forgiveness of sins to the penitent, seek out the wandering and reclaim the lost;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That Thy Church may serve Thee in joyfulness of spirit; that it may encourage the noble and inspire the brave; that it may keep a heart of compassion for all mankind

and defend the cause of the poor and the oppressed;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

For the wonder of Thy glory, manifest to us in the world Thou hast made, in the works of man Thou hast inspired, and in the love of the Church Thou hast called.

We thank Thee, O Lord, and bless Thy Holy Name.

For life in Thy Kingdom continually renewed, for the brightening hope of more abundant life therein, and for the noble examples of all Thy servants who are one with us in the Communion of Saints.

We thank Thee, O Lord, and bless Thy Holy Name.

Look favorably upon Thy Church, O Good Shepherd, that, strengthened with power by Thy Spirit, we may know the love which passeth knowledge and be filled with all the fulness of God, now and for evermore. Amen.

Here may be said the General Thanksgiving, or the prayer for the Church Militant.

The Grace.

HOLY is the true Light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.

Alleluia; Holy is the true light. Amen.

Let us lift up our hearts unto the Almighty and Everlasting God, Who lives in all pure and gracious souls:

Alleluia; Amen.

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy Holy Name for all who have witnessed a good confession; martyrs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles; the wise of every land and age, all teachers of mankind (especially ..... whom we commemorate this day) and for all who have resisted falsehood and wrong unto suffering or death.

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy Holy Name.

For all who have labored and suffered for freedom, good government, and the sanctity of the home, for all who have sought to bless men by their sacrifice and service, and for all who have given their lives for their country,

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy Holy Name.

For those who have been true and brave in all times and places, and who in the world's common ways have lived upright and helpful lives,

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy Holy Name.

For friends and kinsfolk now ministering in the spiritual world, whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever,

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy Holy Name.

That we may hold them in continual remembrance, ever think of them as with Thee, and be sure that, if we prepare ourselves to follow them in their upward way, where they are, there we may be also.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

In the communion of the Holy Spirit; with our beloved who dwell in Thy presence and peace; we who still fight and endure on earth ascribe thanksgiving, glory, honor and power unto Thee.

O Lord our God, world without end. Amen.

Here may be offered a prayer for the Church Militant or for all conditions of men.

O God, the strength of those who suffer, and the repose of them that triumph, we rejoice in the communion of saints. We remember all who have faithfully lived, all who have peacefully passed on into the Unseen (especially those most dear to us). May we have the assurance of their continued fellowship in Thee, and realize that though converse be no longer possible according to the flesh, there is no separation in the realm of love. Lift us into that light and love, where the Church on earth is one with the Church in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O King, eternal, immortal, invisible, Who in the righteousness of Thy saints hast given us an example of godly life, and

in their blessedness a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling, we beseech Thee that, being compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, we may run with patience the race that is set before us, and with them receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The following hymn may be sung kneeling:

Jesus died for us and rose again!
Therefore are our hopes no longer dim;
Therefore know we that to die is gain,
For we live in Him.

Therefore Father, Mother, Sister, Brother,
Still are ours, for all are still the Lord's:
Wherefore let us comfort one another
With these blessed words. Amen.

V.—Vouchsafe, O Lord;

***R.*—To keep us this night without sin.**

V.—O Lord, have mercy upon us;

***R.*—Have mercy upon us.**

V.—O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us;

***R.*—As our trust is in Thee.**

Let us pray.

O Everlasting God, Who art ever adored by the holy angels, yet dost choose men to be the stewards of Thy mysteries; bless, we beseech Thee, the work of this Church and Congregation, that we may serve before Thee in pureness and love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All together.

O Merciful Jesus, vouchsafe evermore to dwell in the hearts of us Thy servants;

strengthen us with Thy might; make us perfect in Thy ways; guide us into Thy truth; and unite us to Thyself and to Thy whole Church by Thy holy mysteries; that we may conquer every adverse power, and may be wholly devoted to Thy service and conformed to Thy Will; to the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are fatigued by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon Thy eternal changelessness; through the Everlasting Christ our Lord. Amen.

All together.

Lord, ere we close our eyes in sleep, we would remember before Thee our absent ones. Guard them from temptation and surprise, for Thou art in every place. In their weariness give refreshment, sleep, and rest, and when solitariness laboreth the heart, do Thou breathe a tender remembrance of our love and expectation. O Thou

Who art the author and giver of love, enfold them with us, we beseech Thee, in Thine everlasting arms, for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, Who hast drawn over weary day the restful veil of night, enfold us in Thy heavenly peace. Lift from our hands our tasks, and all through the night bear in Thy bosom the full weight of our burdens and sorrows: that in untroubled slumber we may press our weariness close to Thy strength, and win new power for the morrow's duties from Thee, Who givest to Thy beloved in sleep, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remembering all His mercies, and putting our trust in His Almighty care and love, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all for whom we pray, to Christ our God.

V.—Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my Spirit.

R.—**Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my Spirit.**

All.—**Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend this parish, and all who are near and dear unto us.**

V.—The Lord hath promised, saying:

R.—**I will never leave thee; I will help thee; I will redeem thee, I will keep thee always, even unto the end of the world.**

V.—The Eternal God is our refuge;

R.—**Underneath are the everlasting arms.**

V.—Let us bless the Lord.

R.—**Thanks be to God; Alleluia!**

Here may follow a hymn or an address, after which may be offered this Act of Thanksgiving.

O Father in Heaven, we praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee. We entrust ourselves, our work and our all, to Thee. We thank Thee for the joys of Redemption, and for the precious blood of Jesus that cleanseth us from all sin. Hour by hour Thou art with us. Alleluia. Amen.

All.—I will lay me down in peace and take my rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me to dwell in safety.

V.—May the Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end.

R.—Amen.

AN ACT OF FAITH IN THE PEACE OF GOD

THE Peace of God passeth all understanding.

V.—Lord, I believe.

***R.*—Help Thou mine unbelief.**

O God, Father Everlasting, in Whom we have our being, from Whom flows the life that is in all; Thou Who art the Very God of Peace,

Increase our faith.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Who in our narrowness and lovelessness art crucified again; Who art the Christ, the Prince of Peace,

Increase our faith.

O God the Quickening Spirit, Whose working beats against the hard barriers which we have set up, O Thou in Whom is Righteousness, Joy and Peace,

Increase our faith.

From shame and disaster, from spiritual decline and moral defeat; from going beyond Thy purposes and resisting Thy will; from being unable to hear Thy voice; and from ignorance of the things that belong unto our peace,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We make our earnest supplication, O Lord—

For the passing of prejudice, suspicion and fear; for the rejection of false ideals and the uprooting of all that makes for strife; for the scattering of those who delight in war and for the strengthening of the peacemakers.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

For the stablishing of social justice and international friendship; for the liberation of oppressed people; for the uplifting of the downtrodden and the enslaved; and for the enlightenment of those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

That the United States may be an example to other nations by walking in Thy faith

and fear. That the two great English-speaking races may work together in concord, and that Thy peace may rule in the hearts of all men.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Let us pray.

V.—Blessed are the peace-makers.

***R.*—For they shall be called the children of God.**

Almighty God, from Whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Thy kingdom may go forward till the earth is filled with the knowledge of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee.

***R.*—Because he trusteth in Thee.**

Guide us, O Christ, in all the perplexities of our modern social life, and in Thine own good time bring us together in love and unity,

Who now dost live and reign with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

Let us pray all together.

O merciful Father, Whose will it is that we should love one another, give us also grace that we may fulfil it. Make us gentle, courteous and forbearing. Direct our lives so that we may look each to the good of others in word and deed, and hallow all our friendships by the blessing of Thy Spirit, for His sake Who loved us and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister shall say:

Hear the words of the Lord Jesus:

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

May the Peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"THERE WAS SILENCE IN HEAVEN FOR A SPACE"

For this service the worshipper may adopt the posture of sitting with eyes closed during the moments of thought.

SELF-RECOLLECTION

FIRST STEP

You are a Child of God, He is your Father, the Kingdom of God is your Home.

Repeat silently the Family Prayer, sharing its trusting and triumphant note, "Our Father," etc.

Now make these affirmations as a conscious expression of what it means to be a Child of God, Who is the All-Good, Perfect Love, Wisdom and Power. Your true self in God's thought of you, the perfect self which He means you to work out with Him.

"In Christ I am one with the Divine Power."

"In Christ I am one with the Love which understands and forgives."

"In Christ I am one with the Peace that passeth understanding."

"In Christ I am one with infinite resources."

"In Christ I am one with His Spirit of Service."

"In Christ I have power over opposing conditions, such as fear, lack of confidence, difficult circumstances."

"In Christ I am one with His more abundant life."

"In Christ I am one with His patience, purity, joy, wisdom and contentment."

Quietly affirm to yourself the virtues which you are most conscious of lacking, but which God means you to have, and which will grow through His indwelling union with you.

Second Step

Gather up your thoughts of the people, and the petitions which you desire to hold in the Silence; first and foremost pray that you may be forgiven in that you have wronged any; pray also for God's guidance and blessing for any who have wronged you. Put your

personal needs last, and be on your guard against praying only or mainly for yourself. God's Kingdom is the Kingdom of Love and Service to God and to our fellow men. There is no room in it for selfishness, and no need for it. We are all one.

Third Step

Go out into the Silence, where "Christ lives and Christ reigns," where "God is and where God works *perfectly*." Relax yourself, turn away from your active mind, open your whole being to God, realizing Him, not merely as an intellectual fact, but as all around you and in you, the answer to every need of man.

Wait still upon God: open your heart to Him, let the light and warmth of His love flood your mind and heart and soul as the flower opens itself to and drinks in the light and warmth of the Sun, and becomes its true beautiful self thereby: so rest in the conscious thought of your living union with Him in Christ. (See I John iv. 7, to end of chap. v.)

Few things help us more to realize God as the Supreme fact of all life, and of our own daily life.

In the Silence you may sometimes come to feel as if the whole world were vibrating with the presence and power of God, with absolute peace and stillness, and yet with intense and ceaseless energy; the energy of perfect self-control. Do not be afraid. In the Silence we offer our subjects of prayer, persons, things, hopes, fears, just simply as seeds to which God will give growth and fruition. God does not need endless repetition: only perfect sincerity; perfect trust. The power of growth comes from God, not from us. He is equal to every emergency, and has the wisdom and power to deal with it.

To realize this, is to find the poise and quiet strength so needful in the stress and rush of daily life.

Close your time of Silence with some words of praise, taken from these or other forms, after which may be said:

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and Earth are full of Thy Glory; glory to Thee, O Lord."

THE LITANY

Part I

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons in one God,

Have mercy upon us.

From all evil and mischief, from sin, from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From uncleanness of thought and word and deed and all other deadly sin; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence and famine; from battle and murder, and from unprepared death,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy and

schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word and Commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial; by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our health; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please Thee to rule and govern Thy holy Church Universal in the right way:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to keep and strengthen in the true worshipping of Thee, in righteousness and holiness of life, Thy servant our President and all others in authority:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to illuminate all Bishops, Priests and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of Thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to endue the Members of the Cabinet and of Congress, and all who are set in authority, with grace, wisdom and understanding; and to give all nations unity, peace and concord:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to all Thy people increase of grace to hear meekly Thy Word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit; and to give us an heart to love and dread Thee, and diligently to live after Thy commandments:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived; to strengthen such as do stand; to

comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up them that fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to succor, help and comfort all that are in danger, necessity and tribulation, all that travel by land or by water, all women laboring of child, all sick persons, and young children; and to show Thy pity upon all prisoners and captives:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to defend, and provide for the fatherless children and widows, the motherless and all that are desolate and oppressed; to succor and restore the suffering in body and in mind; and to show Thyself in mercy to them that draw nigh unto death:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turn their hearts:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to Thy holy Word:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world:

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world:

Have mercy upon us.

The Grace.

THE LITANY

Part II

V.—O Lord, deal not with us after our sins.

R.—Neither reward us after our iniquities.

Let us pray.

O God, merciful Father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers that we make before Thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils, which the craft and subtilty of the devil or man worketh against us, be brought to nought; and by the providence of Thy goodness they may be dispersed;

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble

works that Thou didst in their days, and in the old times before them;

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us for Thine honor.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend us, O Christ.

Graciously look upon our afflictions.

Pitifully behold the sorrows of our hearts.

Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.

Favorably with mercy hear our prayers.

O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be showed upon us;

As we do put our trust in Thee.

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of Thy Name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to Thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here may follow the prayer for all conditions of men.

In churches where the Minister and Congregation say the general Thanksgiving all together, a space of silence should be observed in the appointed place to give opportunity for especial thanksgivings.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Thine unworthy servants, do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men (.....
.....). We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all, for Thine inestimable love

in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Almighty God, Who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS

First Occasion

O God, raise up leaders of the people who will fear Thee and Thee alone; whose delight shall be to will Thy Will, and work Thy Work, fearless and faithful unto death, to Thy honor and glory. Amen.

O Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the joy of the body, the light of the mind, the perception of the soul and spirit whereby we feel Thee near, and know that Thou hast fashioned us as a temple for Thyself. We thank Thee for this sweet earth and the love of friends; for the troubles and difficulties whereby we attain to a clearer vision and truer understanding. Above all we thank Thee for the life, death and resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord, by which we are brought to peace and to life everlasting. Amen.

O Thou Life-giving Spirit of Holiness guide us, we beseech Thee, into Thine own wisdom, that we may judge the things of this life in the Light of the Eternal; teach

us not to lay undue stress on outward appearance or material enjoyment. Inspire the young to find joy in simplicity of life, that following more closely in the footsteps of our Lord, we all may realize the fulness of life in eager self-sacrificing service, to the glory of the Father for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, move us by Thine example to show kindness and to do good. Grant us such patience and forbearance with all sufferers, gracious and ungracious, grateful and ungrateful, that notwithstanding our imperfect service they may yet discern Thee, and give Thee the glory. Amen.

Hear us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and in our tribulations pity us; grant unto us gladness of spirit; and give us Thine everlasting peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, forgive what we have been; sanctify what we are; and order what we shall be. Amen.

The Grace.

SECOND OCCASION

God of our fathers, we offer Thee our heartfelt thanks for all Thy mercies to our Nation, for the devoted lives of those who

have made this people great and free, for deliverance from civil strife and bloodshed, from the craft and power of foreign foes. Help us to treasure our great inheritance, that Thy blessing may still rest on the American name, till the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Thy Son; to Whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

O Thou Who art the Mind of all creation, we remember to our comfort that Thou hast in Thy special care all broken, outworn and imperfect minds. Give to those who live with them the understanding and loving Spirit of Christ. Enlighten those who are tempted to laugh at such illness, or to regard it with shame. To all who are separated in this life by barriers of mind, grant the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit, Who with Thee and Thy Christ, ever liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

We thank Thee, O Lord our God, that Thou art in every place, and that no space or distance can ever separate us from Thee, that those who are absent from each other are still present with Thee. Have in Thy holy keeping those from whom we are now

separated, and grant that both they and we, by drawing nearer unto Thee, may be drawn nearer to one another in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, grant us grace never to admit willingly into our soul any thought contrary to Thy love, but ever to avoid anything that is a snare to us; never to parley with temptation; never to tamper with conscience; never to lose our souls, though in exchange we should gain the whole world. Amen.

The Grace.

THIRD OCCASION

We thank Thee, O Lord God of our fathers, for the friendship which unites our Country with the nations of the world. Strengthen, we beseech Thee, our corporate hold on righteousness; make us equal to our high trust, reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, unfaltering in the protection of weakness. To our legislators and counsellors give insight and faithfulness, that our laws may clearly speak the right, and our judges purely interpret them. May wisdom be the glory of our times, and mutual

confidence the joy of our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God of Love, we bless Thee for all who give themselves to Thee in service to their fellow men. Grant unto them clear vision, true judgment, with great daring as they seek to right the wrong; and so endue them with cheerful love that they may minister to the suffering and forlorn, even as thou wouldst, O Jesu Lover of Souls. Amen.

O God of the spirits of all flesh, we praise and magnify Thy Holy Name for all Thy servants who have finished their course in Thy faith and fear, for the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, and Martyrs, and for all other Thy righteous servants, known to us or unknown; and we beseech Thee that, encouraged by their examples, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be found meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, through the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant unto us, Almighty God, in all time of sore distress, the comfort of the forgiveness of our sins. In time of darkness give us

blessed hope, in time of sickness of body give us quiet courage; and when life is a burden, and pleasure a weariness, the sun too bright, and life too mirthful, do Thou restore us by the Spirit of the Comforter in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Save us, O God, waking; guard us sleeping; that awake, we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace. Amen.

The Grace.

FOURTH OCCASION

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech Thee to bless our President, the Members of the Cabinet, and of Congress, and all who are set in authority over us; that they may order all things in wisdom and justice, righteousness and peace, to the honor of Thy Holy Name, and the good of Thy Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who dost abhor the despising heart; take from us all pride, envy and hurtful prejudice. Unite us one to another by a common zeal for Thy cause, and enable us by Thy grace to offer unto

Thee the manifold fruits of our service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty Father, giver of life and health, look mercifully, we beseech Thee, on the sick and the suffering (especially .....). Relieve and comfort them according to their several necessities. Deepen their repentance and strengthen their faith. Restore them, if it be Thy will, to health and perfect soundness, that they may give thanks to Thee in Thy Holy Church for this Thy goodness; and so fit and prepare them by Thy grace that whensoever Thou art pleased to take them hence they may depart in charity with all men and at peace with Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, strengthen and support, we entreat Thee, all persons unjustly accused or misunderstood. Comfort them by the ever-present thought that Thou knowest the whole truth, and wilt in Thine own good time make their righteousness as clear as the light. Give them grace to pray for such as do them wrong, and hear and bless them when they pray, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Do Thou ever teach us, O Lord, that all hearts are empty except Thou fillest them, and all desires fail except they crave after Thee; of Thy compassion do Thou give us light and grace to seek and find Thee, that we may be Thine and Thou mayest be ours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Grace.

FOR LEADERS

Almighty God, Who alone givest wisdom and understanding; inspire, we pray Thee, the minds of all to whom Thou hast committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsels all nations and classes may work together in true brotherhood, and Thy Church may serve Thee in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

O Lord God of our fathers, Who in Thy goodness hast led this people hitherto by wondrous ways: Who makest the nations to praise Thee, and knittest them together in the bonds of peace; we beseech Thee to pour

Thine abundant blessing on this Nation over which Thou hast called Thy servant our President. Grant that all, of whatever race or color or tongue, may, in prosperity and peace, be united in the bond of brotherhood, and in the one fellowship of the Faith, so that we may be found a people acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR SAILORS, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN

O Lord God of Hosts, stretch forth, we pray Thee, Thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the sailors and soldiers of our Country in every peril, of sea and land and air; give them victory in the day of battle, and in the time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with loyalty and courage; and grant that in all things they may serve as seeing Thee Who art invisible, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE

O God, the Father of all mankind, we beseech Thee to inspire us with such love, truth and equity, that in all our dealings one with another we may show forth our brother-

hood in Thee; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who hast taught us that we are members one of another; remove, we beseech Thee, from among us all distrust and bitterness in industrial disputes; and grant that, seeking what is just and equal and caring for the needs of others, we may live and work together in unity and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our God, Who through Thy Son Jesus Christ hast consecrated labor to the welfare of mankind, prosper, we pray Thee, the industries of this land; bless all those who are engaged therein; shield them in their dangers and temptations, and grant that, receiving the due fruits of their labors, they may praise Thee by living according to Thy Will; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

Almighty God, from Whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; kindle, we pray Thee, in the hearts of all men the true love of peace, and guide with Thy pure and peace-

able wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity Thy Kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, Who canst bring good out of evil, and makest even the wrath of man to turn to Thy praise; teach Thy children to live together in charity and peace; and grant, we beseech Thee, that the nations of the world may henceforth be united in a firmer fellowship for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, the physician of men and nations, the restorer of the years that have been destroyed; look upon the distractions of the world, and be pleased to complete the work of Thy healing hand; draw all men unto Thee and one to another by the bands of Thy love; make Thy Church one, and fill it with Thy Spirit, that by Thy power it may unite the world in a sacred brotherhood of nations, wherein justice, mercy and faith, truth and freedom, may flourish, and Thou mayest be ever glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers and Thanksgivings

FOR HELP AND GUIDANCE IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

O God of our fathers, Who from generation to generation hast watched over us in love; hear us now in hours of perplexity and need; save us from the dangers of disunion and strife; remove all hindrances to brotherly concord; and grant that we may serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Open our eyes, O Lord, at this time to know Thy will; guide and strengthen us to fulfil it. Delivered by Thy mercy from the perils of war, and united in true fellowship with one another, may we find in Thy service our perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL

O God, Who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and didst send Thy blessed Son Jesus Christ to preach peace to them that are afar off, and to them that are nigh; grant that all the peoples of the world may feel after Thee and find Thee; and hasten, O Lord, the fulfilment of Thy promise, to

pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, Who didst manifest Thy love by sending Thine only begotten Son into the world that all might live through Him; pour Thy Spirit upon Thy Church that it may fulfil His command to preach the Gospel to every creature; send forth, we beseech Thee, laborers into Thy harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when all shall be saved; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES

O Blessed Lord, Who hast never left Thyself without witnesses of Thy goodness and power, we beseech Thee to give assurance of Thy presence to those who are gone forth as Thine ambassadors in distant lands; sanctify them, we pray Thee, with the Holy Ghost; teach them to endure hardship; give them perfect mastery over the flesh, and a ready desire to do Thy Will; gird them with Thy Truth; make their hearts burn with Thy Word; that they may win souls for Thy honor and glory. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR NATIVE CHRISTIANS

O Lord, we beseech Thee, pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all the Native Converts, that as Thou hast begotten them again unto a lively hope, so they may ever be followers of Thee as dear children. Make them to be ready to do every good work for the salvation of those around them; that so by their zeal and faithful testimony, by their holy and consistent lives, they may glorify Thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CATECHUMENS

We remember before Thee, O Lord our God, those who in many lands are preparing for Holy Baptism; strengthen their faith; enlighten their minds; purify their hearts; and grant that in the washing of regeneration they may know the joy of the remission of sins, to the glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IN TIMES OF ELECTION

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, guide and direct, we humbly beseech Thee, the minds of all those who are called at this

time to exercise the responsible duty of electing fit persons to serve in the Government of this nation (or the Council of this county, or city, or town). Grant that the effect and right issue of their choice may promote Thy glory and the welfare of this people. And to those who shall be elected give, we pray Thee, a right judgment in all things, the spirit of wisdom, courage, discretion, and true godliness. All this we beg for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DURING THE VACANCY OF A SEE OR A PAROCHIAL CHARGE

Almighty God, the giver of every good gift, look graciously, we beseech Thee, on Thy Church, and so guide with Thy heavenly wisdom the minds of those to whom is committed the choice of a Bishop for this diocese (*or* Rector *or* Vicar for this parish) that we may receive a faithful pastor, who shall feed Thy flock according to Thy will, and make ready a people acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers and Thanksgivings

DURING THE DAYS OF PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

O God, Who through the teaching of Thy Son Jesus Christ didst prepare the disciples for the coming of the Comforter; make ready, we beseech Thee, the hearts and minds of Thy servants who at this time are seeking the gift of the Holy Ghost through the laying on of hands, that, drawing near with penitent and faithful hearts, they may be filled with the power of His divine indwelling; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, Who hast graciously given to us the fruits of the earth in their season, we yield Thee humble and hearty thanks for these Thy bounties, beseeching Thee to give us grace rightly to use them to Thy glory and the relief of those that need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Epistle: Phil. iv. 11-13 ("I have learned . . . strengthened me").

Gospel: John iv. 31-36 ("In the meanwhile . . . rejoice together").

FOR USE ON CIVIC OCCASIONS

The Office being ended, the National Anthem or a hymn shall be sung. The people standing, the civic chaplain or other minister shall say:

To the end that the minds of all who accept the trust and honor of municipal power and place may be filled by a consciousness that they are ministers of God to dispense, enrich and pass on to succeeding generations the glory of our inheritance—Let us make solemn acknowledgment of the authority of the Most High in our national and civic life, rejoicing in the dignity wherewith Almighty God has invested man as the instrument of His Will, and the upholder of His Laws. This acknowledgement let us make with reverence and full confidence, meekly kneeling upon our knees.

God of our fathers, we offer Thee our heartfelt thanks and praise for all Thy mercies to our nation: for the devoted lives of rulers and lawgivers, that have made this people great and free: for deliverance from

the craft and power of foreign foes: and for the glory and responsibility of self-government.

We praise Thee, O God.

For the gifts of insight, vision, courage and patience, and for the gifts of wisdom, clearness of thought and fearlessness of speech which have ennobled the corporate life,

We praise Thee, O God.

That so many have been found willing to spend themselves in disinterested service, and by unwearying fulfilment of the duties of office have interpreted and given effect to the will of the people,

We praise Thee, O God.

We beseech Thee to hear us for our President, and for all who bear high office of State, for all who strive to preserve peace and to establish goodwill amongst the nations of the world, and for those who labor to create a true fellowship in industry and trade.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors with the Magistrates and all who share in the ordering of this ..... may be endued with intelligence and sympathy, imagination and daring, to vindicate their high calling, and to demonstrate the workings of Thy Will:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That there may never be wanting Christians ready to undertake the work of local government as a vocation and ministry and that mutual service may unite all classes of the community in fulfilment of Thy Divine Purpose:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That Thou wilt guide, protect and hearten all who work for their living; in the field, on the sea, and in the mines, at the furnace, in the workshops and in the factory, those who work in office and warehouse and shop, those who keep house, and those who have the care of Thy little ones:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That Thou wilt inspire and control all labors of the heart and brain; the manager's discretion, the doctor's skill, the nurse's patience, the lawyer's discernment, the scientist's quest, the writer's wit, the artist's power, the teacher's appreciation, and the pastor's care:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Finally for all who suffer by sickness, poverty or bewilderment; for all who are wronged and oppressed, for all who are overworked or underpaid, for the homeless, for those who can find no work, for prisoners and outcasts, and for the victims of degrading lust, intemperance and self-indulgence:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Let us pray.

Prepare us, O Heavenly Father, that we Thy children may be ready to enter into glorious realization of these desires which Thou hast implanted in our hearts by the Spirit of Thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Grace.